

What is Claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for duplicating a user environment in a first
2 computer system, said method comprising:
3 collecting user environment data from the first computer
4 system, the collecting performed by a computer
5 program; and
6 storing the user environment data on a removable
7 nonvolatile media.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the collecting includes:
2 identifying attributes to include in the user environment
3 data.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, said method further comprising:
2 restoring the user environment data stored by the first
3 computer system onto a second computer system.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the first computer system
2 includes a UNIX operating system.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the collecting is performed
2 for a plurality of users, each of the plurality of users
3 having one or more accounts on the first computer system.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the user environment data
2 includes at least one of printer definitions, tty
3 definitions, network interfaces, user passwords, and
4 license information.
- 1 7. The method of claim 1, said method further comprising:
2 transporting the removable nonvolatile media from the first
3 computer system to a second computer system;
4 loading the removable nonvolatile media in a device capable
5 of reading the media; and

6 restoring the user environment data from the removable
7 nonvolatile media to the second computer system.

1 8. An information handling system, said system comprising:
2 one or more processors;
3 an operating system operable by the processors;
4 a memory accessible by the processors;
5 a removable nonvolatile storage device accessible by the
6 processors;
7 a user environment duplication tool for duplicating user
8 environment data in a first computer system, the tool
9 including:
10 means for collecting user environment data from the
11 first computer system, the collecting performed
12 by a computer program; and
13 means for storing the user environment data on a
14 removable nonvolatile media.

1 9. The information handling system of claim 8, wherein the
2 collecting includes:
3 means for identifying attributes to include in the user
4 environment data.

1 10. The information handling system of claim 8, further
2 comprising:
3 means for restoring the user environment data stored by the
4 first computer system onto a second computer system.

1 11. The information handling system of claim 8, wherein the
2 first computer system includes a UNIX operating system.

1 12. The information handling system of claim 8, wherein the
2 means for collecting is performed for a plurality of users,
3 each of the plurality of users having one or more accounts
4 on the first computer system.

1 13. The information handling system of claim 8, wherein the
2 user environment data includes at least one of printer
3 definitions, tty definitions, network interfaces, user
4 passwords, and license information.

1 14. The information handling system of claim 8, further
2 comprising:

3 means for transporting the removable nonvolatile media from
4 the first computer system to a second computer system;
5 means for loading the removable nonvolatile media in a
6 device capable of reading the media; and
7 means for restoring the user environment data from the
8 removable nonvolatile media to the second computer
9 system.

1 15. A computer program product stored on a computer operable
2 medium, the computer program product programmed to
3 duplicate a user environment in a first computer system,
4 said computer program product comprising:

5 means for collecting user environment data from the first
6 computer system, the collecting performed by a
7 computer program; and
8 means for storing the user environment data on a removable
9 nonvolatile media.

- 1 16. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the
2 collecting includes:
3 means for identifying attributes to include in the user
4 environment data.

- 1 17. The computer program product of claim 15, further
2 comprising:
3 means for restoring the user environment data stored by the
4 first computer system onto a second computer system.

- 1 18. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the means
2 for collecting is performed for a plurality of users, each
3 of the plurality of users having one or more accounts on
4 the first computer system.

- 1 19. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the user
2 environment data includes at least one of printer
3 definitions, tty definitions, network interfaces, user
4 passwords, and license information.

- 1 20. The computer program product of claim 15, further
2 comprising:
3 means for transporting the removable nonvolatile media from
4 the first computer system to a second computer system;
5 means for loading the removable nonvolatile media in a
6 device capable of reading the media; and
7 means for restoring the user environment data from the
8 removable nonvolatile media to the second computer
9 system.